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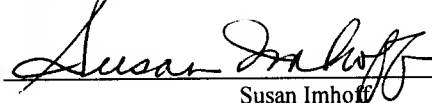
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- 1. AMENDMENT; 2. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED JUNE 13, 2007; AND**
3. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C. F. R. § 1.114

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and consider the amendment herein and response to the outstanding Final Official Action ("the Action") dated June 13, 2007, for which the shortened statutory period for reply ended on September 13, 2007. A Petition for an Extension of Time (EOT) of two months (to and including November 13, 2007, which is within the six-month statutory period for reply), is included herewith to render the amendment, response, and RCE timely submitted.

Applicants believe that the present materials place the claims in condition for allowance, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis. Should any additional fees be required for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394. Order No. 36689.140.

Amendments in the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims (Listing of Claims) begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.